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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents U.S. export and import statistics by air in U.S. Customs district by continent arrangement. Only those districts are shown whose combined exports and imports by air were valued at 2 million dollars or more for calendar year 1964.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons detailed customs district of lading and country and continent of destination data are not shown in published export statistics for selected commodities, referred to as Special Category commodities. The data for individual customs districts and continents, therefore, exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but over-all shipping weight and value totals for exports of Special Category commodities are included in table 1. Effective January 1965, some changes were made in security restrictions, without a corresponding change in restrictions applying to earlier periods. Therefore, the customs district and continent totals for 1965 include data for exports of some commodities which are no longer classified as Special Category commodities beginning in 1965, but which were not included in customs district and continent totals prior to 1965 since they were classified as Special Category commodities at that time. Because of this, and also because of changes in the content of Special Category commodities effective January 1965, the district and continent statistics shown in this report for 1965 are not completely comparable with those for earlier periods. Further information regarding Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics shown for exports to Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments. The statistics shown for exports to countries other than Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50-percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability on a 2 chances out of 3 basis of value totals. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

Effective July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $251 and over. With the exception of the value data shown in the column for "All carriers", the statistics shown in table 2 for value and shipping weight reflect fully compiled data exclusively. The value data shown for "All carriers" represent fully compiled data combined with estimated data for shipments valued $250 or less reported on both formal and informal entries, based on a 1-percent sample of such shipments. (Informal entries, by definition, contain items valued not more than $250.)

Prior to July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflected fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $100 and over. Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 were entirely excluded from the airborne import statistics. Estimated data for informal entry shipments valued $250 or less, based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments, were included in the column showing value data for "All carriers" in table 2, but were excluded from the other statistics in this table.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Effective July 1965, value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than three percent while value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	[2]45,208	(X)	13,338	7,324	17,519	2,673	446	767	[2]234,377	(X)	37,254	19,272	132,759	23,175	4,264	3,445
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	[2]18,265	5,889	2,199	6,492	1,390	96	311	(X)	[2]94,975	14,156	6,886	49,354	11,336	669	1,501
Massachusetts	489	255	75	60	326	9	2	2	3,593	2,334	448	174	2,863	50	33	10
Connecticut	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo	189	189	189	-	-	-	-	-	881	881	881	-	-	-	-	-
New York	22,590	8,775	2,691	1,599	15,076	1,286	82	680	146,453	54,794	11,757	6,589	112,788	9,617	671	3,058
Philadelphia	163	99	7	-	142	(Z)	-	12	1,006	552	20	-	956	3	-	21
Maryland	252	249	29	-	134	71	-	(Z)	768	741	86	-	630	38	-	3
Florida	12,007	3,930	5,939	5,346	109	9	1	5	21,037	6,567	8,538	11,529	210	53	(Z)	34
New Orleans	519	141	441	35	2	1	-	(Z)	1,234	409	1,052	120	11	3	-	2
Galveston	725	484	527	32	78	27	1	22	2,292	1,633	1,089	51	834	145	8	113
Laredo	285	246	258	20	(Z)	-	-	-	911	792	779	107	1	-	-	-
Los Angeles	735	338	104	53	244	212	68	6	7,353	2,672	562	291	3,582	2,227	544	46
San Francisco	1,479	610	57	29	129	888	252	2	14,612	4,249	163	174	2,067	9,194	2,755	17
Oregon	65	65	-	-	44	20	-	-	1,894	1,894	-	-	920	971	-	-
Washington	214	162	177	1	14	20	(Z)	-	1,306	784	717	4	433	147	1	-
Alaska	3	1	1	-	1	(Z)	-	-	15	1	1	-	6	7	-	-
Hawaii	81	50	1	-	-	35	39	-	455	171	9	-	-	187	247	-
Montana and Idaho	43	43	43	-	-	-	-	-	226	226	226	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota	56	56	56	-	-	-	-	-	262	262	262	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota	13	13	12	-	(Z)	-	-	-	68	68	59	-	7	-	-	-
Michigan	359	248	97	-	238	3	-	7	2,006	1,676	119	-	1,828	24	-	21
Chicago	2,343	756	1,181	7	963	86	1	24	13,761	3,396	7,761	17	5,325	451	4	102
Ohio	272	19	267	-	1	4	-	-	1,118	46	1,090	-	3	25	-	-
Puerto Rico	625	428	566	11	4	-	-	-	486	365	417	24	11	-	-	-
All other Customs districts	784	292	619	130	14	2	-	6	1,754	763	1,214	192	281	33	-	16
Special Category[3]	916	815	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	10,883	9,699	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero.
D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1]Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals except such shipments to Canada which are only included in the totals for all carriers and in the all carriers totals for all other customs districts.

[2]Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3]Represents shipments of "Special Category" commodities. A list of the "Special Category" commodities is available upon request to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)[1]								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2] [3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	17,461	(X)	1,873	1,132	10,856	3,491	19	90	123,877	(X)	10,590	5,063	82,374	20,144	394	1,213
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	9,045	1,040	452	5,295	2,220	8	29	(X)	54,954	4,293	2,064	35,839	12,312	139	307
Massachusetts	199	124	5	-	181	11	2	(Z)	1,719	1,191	53	-	1,454	47	1	(Z)
Connecticut	1	(Z)	-	-	-	1	-	-	30	2	-	-	-	11	-	-
Buffalo	28	27	18	-	9	-	-	(Z)	651	526	371	-	165	-	-	111
New York	10,922	5,220	278	293	9,483	796	3	68	88,436	36,650	2,296	2,977	73,929	6,249	92	1,038
Philadelphia	33	29	(Z)	-	32	(Z)	-	-	352	143	23	-	269	1	-	-
Maryland	79	52	(Z)	(Z)	56	2	-	20	908	818	23	(Z)	814	6	-	38
Florida	1,493	562	663	799	15	17	-	-	4,588	2,722	2,262	1,968	233	32	-	-
New Orleans	438	79	107	(Z)	-	330	-	-	223	141	145	14	-	18	-	-
Galveston	29	25	20	8	1	-	-	(Z)	138	51	49	14	13	-	-	4
Laredo	301	277	301	-	(Z)	-	-	-	190	135	164	-	4	-	-	-
Los Angeles	899	581	133	5	95	661	5	(Z)	7,036	2,886	2,064	54	931	3,647	136	1
San Francisco	1,301	861	6	1	105	1,182	6	1	8,738	5,227	46	8	722	7,666	123	18
Oregon	4	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	70	17	-	-	22	-	-	-
Washington	258	239	17	-	3	238	(Z)	-	1,824	1,506	205	-	34	1,441	(Z)	-
Alaska	10	(Z)	8	-	2	(Z)	-	-	52	5	13	-	20	5	-	-
Hawaii	22	9	5	-	(Z)	14	2	-	198	55	5	-	14	126	42	-
Montana and Idaho	3	3	3	-	-	(Z)	-	-	37	37	30	-	-	6	-	-
Dakota	4	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	39	36	39	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota	1	(Z)	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	2	6	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	419	399	6	6	405	2	-	1	528	396	36	3	448	4	-	3
Chicago	743	416	89	(Z)	416	237	-	-	6,482	2,266	2,137	(Z)	3,169	870	-	-
Ohio	34	(Z)	17	-	17	-	-	-	359	1	300	-	31	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	228	130	183	21	24	-	-	-	266	86	83	25	50	-	-	-
All other Customs districts	15	4	9	-	6	(Z)	-	(Z)	1,008	58	239	-	52	14	-	1

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.
[1] Excludes shipping weight data for shipments valued less than $251 reported on formal and informal entries.
[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.
[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. flag carriers.

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